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Inventor(s): Philip Victor HARMAN <i>et al</i>)	Filed: August 9, 2001
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Issue Date: April 25, 2006)	Attorney Docket No. 006020.00012

For: IMAGE CONVERSION AND ENCODING TECHNIQUES

REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION

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The mistakes identified in the appended Form occurred through no fault of the Applicants, as clearly disclosed by the records of the application, which matured into this patent. Enclosed for your convenience is the relevant portion of the Examiner's Amendment, enclosed with the Notice of Allowance dated September 15, 2005.

Issuance of the Certificate of Correction containing the corrections is respectfully requested. Since these changes are necessitated through no fault of the Applicants, no fee is believed to be associated with this request. Nonetheless, should the Patent and Trademark Office determine that a fee is required, please charge our Deposit Account No. 19-0733.

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APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.
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TITLE OF INVENTION: IMAGE CONVERSION AND ENCODING TECHNIQUES

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Application No.

09/925,932

Applicant(s)

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Examiner

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 4/19/2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-30, 37, 45, 49, 50-52, 58, 60-61 (renumbered as 1-39).
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
- ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

- ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
- ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
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- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
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- ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
- ☐ Other _____

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B_n is the value of the Blue component of the pixel at x_n, y_n .

60 (currently amended): A method of creating a series of depth maps for an image sequence including the steps of:

receiving a depth map for at least one frame of said image sequence;

utilizing said at least one depth map to determine a second algorithm to ascertain the depth characteristics as a function of x,y coordinates and image characteristics;

utilizing said algorithm to create a depth map for each frame of said image sequence;

wherein a learning algorithm is utilized to determine the configuration of said second algorithm; and

[as claimed in claim 43,] wherein said second algorithm computes:

$$z_n = k_a \cdot x_n + k_b \cdot y_n + k_c \cdot R_n + k_d \cdot G_n + k_e \cdot B_n + k_f \cdot T$$

where:

n is the n th pixel in the image

z_n is the value of the depth assigned to the pixel at x_n, y_n

k_a to k_f are constants previously determined by the algorithm

R_n is the value of the Red component of the pixel at x_n, y_n

G_n is the value of the Green component of the pixel at x_n, y_n

B_n is the value of the Blue component of the pixel at x_n, y_n

T is a measurement of time, for this particular frame in the sequence.

61 (Currently amended) A method of creating a series of depth maps for an image sequence including the steps of:

receiving depth maps for at least two key frames of said image sequence;

utilizing said depth maps to determine a second algorithm to ascertain the depth characteristics as a function of x,y coordinates and image characteristics;

utilizing said algorithm to create a depth map of each frame of said image sequence, wherein frames adjacent said key frames are processed prior to non-adjacent frames;

[as claimed in claim 47,] wherein said second algorithm computes:

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where: